# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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Joint Military Exercise between India and Maldives
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether India and Maldives have conducted joint military exercise in Maldives; and

(b) if so, the details along with its objectives thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): India and Maldives conduct joint military exercise named 'Exercise EKUVERIN' alternatively in India and Maldives with participation of an Infantry platoon from each side. The latest exercise was conducted in Maldives in December 2016. The objectives of the exercise are to enhance defence cooperation and interoperability between the army of both countries with emphasis on Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorist operations under UN mandate.

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